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1. "Basa [redacted]" (Cooperative Stores Specialty Trade), located in Berlin-Rummelsburg, Hauptstrasse 12-13 (Aceta Gelaende) is the retail warehouse facility which services the Konsum-Spezialhandel outlet stores maintained in Soviet installations in the Berlin area. Specifically, these stores handle [redacted] merchandise. The following "stores" are serviced by the Rummelsburg warehouse facility:

Store (Magazin) # 1 - Karlshorst
Store (Magazin) # 2 - Gruenau
Store (Magazin) # 3 - Schoenefeld
Store (Magazin) # 7 - Location unknown
Store (Magazin) #8 - Gruenau
Store (Magazin) # 9 - Boernicke
Store (Magazin) #16 - Schoenewe[redacted]
Store (Magazin) #18 - Askania Haus, Weissensee
Store (Magazin) #19 - Location unknown
Store (Magazin) #21 - Strausberg
Store (Magazin) #23 - Koenigswusterhausen
Store (Magazin) #25 - Strausberg
Store (Magazin) #35 - Karlshorst
Store (Magazin) #55 - Biesdorf

Gastronom II - Karlshorst.

2. The Rummelsburg warehouse facility is subordinate to Department 5, also known as [redacted] Sergeyev, of the Konsum-Spezialhandel headquarters in Potsdam. The name [redacted] Sergeyev is derived from the name of the head of this department, Colonel [redacted] (fnu). Sergeyev's deputy is Col. Frolov (fnu). The office in Potsdam is located at Jaegeralle 26; the German staff is headed by Schmidt (fnu).

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3. A total of some 30 Germans are employed at the Basa Rummelsburg, which handles the storing of textile, shoe and food stocks, and the distribution to the individual retail outlets. In addition to the Basa warehouse staff, there is a Berlin Branch Office (Aussenstelle Berlin) of [redacted]-Spezialhandel, which is located at the same address in Rummelsburg; the exact functions of this office were not known. The chief of this branch office was [redacted] Radsivann, a German national who originally came from Latvia. Radsivann is a merchant by profession, [redacted] 25X1
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He supervises two other employees: Blodchinsky (fnu), who handles the payroll accounting; and Fix (fnu), functions unknown.

4. The headquarters of the entire Konsum-Spezialhandel organization are located in Leipzig. The organization is the unit which handles local procurement of foodstuffs, luxury items, and consumer goods for the Soviet Armed Forces and for installations dependent upon the Red Army for logistical support.

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